

TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY – JANUARY 7, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
TRAINING ROOM – PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

This meeting was aired live on local cable television.

PRESENT: Ed Vitone, Chair, Leo Janssens, Clerk, and Doug Briggs, Town Administrator.

I. SALUTE THE FLAG

Vitone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leo Janssens motioned to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Ed Vitone. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Mr. Vitone took a moment to introduce the two candidates running for the Board of Selectmen position. He introduced Duncan Phye and Nicholas Davis.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review bids for the Old Fire Station on South Main Street

Doug Briggs recommended that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the bid of \$18,000 for this property based on the appraised value of \$27,500. *Mr. Janssens made the motion to accept the \$18,000 bid and was seconded by Mr. Vitone. Motion carried.*

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Briggs noted the vacancies on the Conservation Commission, the Council on Aging, the Capital Planning Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee and the Board of Assessors. He did note that we were also looking for interested parties to serve on the Cable Advisory Board, adding that we need people to get involved.

He stated that he met with the AWRSD teacher negotiation team on January 2, 2013 to continue to establish a proposal for the January 17, 2013 initial bargaining meeting with the teacher's union.

He noted that GCG Engineering has contacted the Mass Dot to review the status of the engineering on Route 101 South and that we are awaiting a call back from GCG.

Mr. Briggs stated that forms are available at Town Hall and the Town's website has a link "CODE RED" to sign up on. He added that forms would be mailed in the next light bill and that the system would be on-line on January 1, 2013.

Mr. Briggs noted that the RFP for the purchase of the old fire station on South Main Street had been advertised on December 14th and the 21st and that the bid opening was on January 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and that only one bid was received.

He stated that a regional RFP with Westminster, Winchendon, and Ashburnham for animal control and animal inspector was generated and advertised with the bid opening to be held on January 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Briggs stated that the Governor signed into law Chapter 364, which allows the Board of Selectmen to sign over ownership of 1987 military High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HUMVEE) over to the Ashburnham Firefighters Association, as per the town meeting vote. He stated that he was asking the Board of Selectmen to authorize signing over the ownership. *Mr. Janssens motioned to authorize the Chair, Ed Vitone to sign over the title for the HUMVEE to the Ashburnham Firefighters Association. Mr. Vitone seconded and the motion carried.*

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 17, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Janssens motioned to approve the minutes, as presented, from the December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Vitone. Motion carried.

XI. BOS CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Janssens stated that he wanted to express his thanks to the DPW as well as the Fire and Police for their dedication and service during the recent snowstorms. Mr. Vitone agreed and also expressed his thanks.

X. JANUARY MEETINGS

Mr. Janssens read the list of meetings as follows:

Tues., January 8	6:00 p.m.	Water/Sewer Commission	Lower Level – Town Hall
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION – J.R. BRIGGS SCHOOL GYM – 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.			
Wed., January 9	5:00 p.m.	Board of Assessors	Assessor’s Office Town Hall
Mon., January 14	10:00 a.m.	Council on Aging Board	Lower Level – Town Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Conservation Commission	Lower Level – Town Hall

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Janssens read the announcements as follows:

Town Clerk Reminders:

- January 1st and throughout the year – Open registration of voters in the Town Clerk’s office at Town Hall – Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Town Hall is closed on Fridays.)
- January 8, 2013, Tuesday – SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION – Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at the J.R. Briggs Elementary School Gym, 96 Williams Road.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building.

XII. SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. Mr. Vitone stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session to deliberate upon matters which, if done in open meeting could detrimentally affect the position of the Town regarding strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to only reconvene into open meeting to adjourn. Roll call was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m. Mr. Janssens motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Vitone. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Doug Briggs
 Town Administrator